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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Security Branch, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : Recruitment

REFERENCE : Memo for AC/DPD from C/DPD/EO, dated 8 September 1961;
Same Subject (DPD 5485-61)

1. I finally found my way to the referenced paper which arrived after my tenure as Acting Chief had ended, and I am returning it to you for that if for no other reason. However, in the same breath I would like to inquire what might have prompted your disposition to advocate recruitment at this particular time.

2. As you know, since 1 May 1960 we have gone through any number of agonizing reappraisals on this subject, including an extensive look at the various pieces of knowledge which these people may have possessed individually regarding the Agency and its operations, and early this year we went through another process of re-examination so that we would assure ourselves of the best available qualified personnel in this group for U-2 operations, and I must confess that I do not see how anything has changed dramatically since that time.

3. Recruitment and training of new pilots would certainly take at least a year, and I believe about the only source of these people, or at least the one the Air Force would use, would be the U-2 group at Del Rio where there is already some concern about the knowledge possessed by those people regarding the totality of our U-2 activities. Perhaps I need to be convinced of some change in the situation with which I am not familiar. If so, would appreciate your inputs.

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